

VACT PGY-1 PHARMACY RESIDENCY OVERVIEW

General Information (Refer to ASHP Residency Directory for more detailed information)

- **Duration/Type:** 12 mo/residency
- **Number of Positions:** 6
- **Starting Date:** July 1
- **Estimated Stipend:** \$45,295
- **Interview Required:** Yes
- **Training Site Type:** VA Medical Center (inpatient and outpatient care)
- **Owner Affiliate:** Federal Government
- **Model Type(s):** Teaching
- **Patients Enrolled:** 50,000
- **Tax Status:** Nonprofit
- **Number of Medical Centers:** 1 ambulatory care site, 1 hospital/ambulatory care clinic site, and 6 community-based clinics
- **Total Beds:** 150 (Average census: 120)

Benefits

The Residency program begins July 1st of the current year and ends June 30th of the subsequent year. VACT Healthcare System will hire the resident as a 1-year term employee entitled to the following benefits:

- 4 hours of accrued annual leave (vacation) and sick leave per pay period (every two weeks)
- 10 paid holidays
- Health and Life Insurance (80% of premium paid by employer) - a full range of health plans are available
- Tuition and travel to the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and the Eastern States Residency Conference



HOW TO APPLY

Application Requirements

To apply you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a graduate of an ACPE-accredited Doctor of Pharmacy degree program
- Be a licensed pharmacist or eligible for licensure in any state
- Adhere to the rules of the resident matching program (RMP) process
- Be available for an on-site interview

Applicants must submit their application materials using PhORCAS, the Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service.



For more information about using PhORCAS, please visit the ASHP website (www.ashp.com/phorcass). Mailed applications will NOT be accepted.

Applications must include:

- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official transcript
- VA Form #10-2850c

Applications must be submitted by Jan. 7, 2014.

Please visit our website for additional information:
www.vactresidency.shutterfly.com

If you have any questions about the application requirements, please contact :

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VA CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency



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PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency at VA Connecticut

ABOUT US

The VA Connecticut (VACT) Healthcare System is an integrated institution which provides a full range of outpatient and inpatient services, with two campus sites located in the central (Newington) and southern (West Haven) parts of the state. The Newington Campus is located 20 minutes outside of Hartford and the West Haven Campus is located 15 minutes from New Haven, on Long Island Sound. Each campus is conveniently located with easy highway access and is located midpoint between New York City and Boston, Massachusetts.

VA CONNECTICUT (VACT) HEALTHCARE SYSTEM: AN OVERVIEW



The VA Connecticut Healthcare System serves more than 50,000 veterans who reside in Connecticut and Southern New England. VA Connecticut provides primary, secondary, and tertiary care in medicine, geriatrics, neurology, psychiatry, and surgery. As part of the VA New England Healthcare System, VA Connecticut is comprised of an inpatient facility and two ambulatory care centers, as well as six primary care Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) located in outlying areas of the state. Major affiliations include the Yale University School of Medicine, the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and School of Dentistry. VA Connecticut is also affiliated with the University of Connecticut (UConn), University of St. Joseph (USJ), and Western New England University (WNEU) Schools of Pharmacy, and serves as a clinical clerkship site for pharmacy students. VA Connecticut offers PGY-1 Pharmacy, PGY-2 Geriatric Pharmacy, and PGY-2 Mental Health Pharmacy residency programs.



West Haven Campus

The West Haven Campus has a 150-bed hospital, providing acute medical, surgical, and psychiatric care. A full range of primary care and ambulatory care services are also provided.

VA Connecticut conducts research in psychiatry, medicine, surgery, neurology, and related basic sciences. Special research programs in West Haven include national centers for research in Schizophrenia, Substance Abuse, and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. In addition, the Eastern Blind Rehabilitation Center and Clinic is one of four national programs providing concentrated rehabilitation services to blind veterans enabling them to gain and maintain their independence.

The Newington Campus is a center for ambulatory care and diagnostic procedures. All medical and surgical subspecialties are provided in our ambulatory care areas.



Newington Campus

Community Based Outpatient Clinics located in New London, Winsted, Willimantic, Stamford, Danbury and Waterbury provide Primary Care to veterans in outlying parts of the state.

VA Connecticut also has a Center of Excellence (COE) in Primary Care, an innovative, multidisciplinary education program for training of medical residents and students, nurse practitioners, psychologists, and pharmacists.

Other services provided to veterans at VA Connecticut include the following: women's healthcare, home healthcare, psychological and pastoral counseling, social services, rehabilitation services, vision and hearing services, substance abuse treatment programs, and healthcare for homeless veterans.

PHARMACY PRACTICE AT VACT

The Pharmacy Service, as well as the entire institution, is completely computerized. Automation is heavily utilized for distribution of pharmaceuticals. Computers and automation allow pharmacists and technicians time to provide hands on care to our veteran population.

Primary Care clinical pharmacists provide pharmaceutical care to veterans enrolled with their team at the West Haven and Newington campuses. Medication management of hypertension, diabetes, hyperlipidemia, and COPD is emphasized. A pharmacist managed Anticoagulation Clinic monitors patients receiving warfarin at both campuses. Clinical pharmacy specialists also provide services to Acute Internal Medicine, Oncology, Geriatrics, Surgery, Psychiatry, Specialty Clinics (including Stroke, Parkinson's, Erythropoietin, and Hepatitis C clinics), and Home Based Primary Care.

The VA Connecticut Healthcare System maintains a strong affiliation with the UConn, USJ, WNEU Schools of Pharmacy and acts as a site for pharmacy Introductory and Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (IPPE and APPE) rotations. Many of our staff hold faculty appointments at the schools and are involved in teaching didactic portions of the curriculum. The institution highly encourages participation in clinical research and is actively involved in many research projects.

WHO WE SERVE

Of the 25 million veterans currently alive, nearly 3 out of every 4 served during a war or official period of hostility. Approximately a quarter of the nation's population (an estimated 70 million people) are potentially eligible for VA benefits and services because they are veterans, family members, or survivors of veterans.

